## Irrigation Scheme on Mungetri Nala

166 Sri PARASHURAM NANDIHALI (Uchagaon).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there is a scheme under investigation of Major Irrigation Scheme on Mungetri Nala at Santibastwad, Taluka ; Belgaum;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that the villagers of Santibastwad and round about villages are opposing this scheme ;

(*c*) the total area that would be submerged under this scheme and the villages which would be submerged ;

(*d*) the villages that would get water for irrigation after this scheme is completed and the total area that would be irrigated and the estimated expenditure ;

(*e*) whether the Executive Engineer, Major Irrigation Projects Division or the concerned Engineer has written a letter to the Gram Panchayat of Santibastwad recently that the Irrigation Scheme on Mungetri Nala is cancelled ;

(*f*) if so, the action taken by them in this behalf ?

*A*.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works). —

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) The project is under investigation.
(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*c*).
(*e*) No.
(*f*) Does not arise.

Sri P. B. NANDIHALI.—This scheme of Mungetri Nala has turned out to be a problem for people of this part and the peasants of Santi bastwad village and other villages roundabout are always in constant fear of this hanging sword and they are also not working properly to grow more food on account of this fear. They are requesting, they are opposing this scheme and they say that this scheme should be stopped at once. But now and then the officers go there and start some work of investigation ; will the Government be pleased to stop this work of investigation immediately.

† Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Simply because some people agitate against the taking up of a project, we cannot shelve such projects. Investigation is going on. That is the case with all projects, wherever there is some submersion. Naturally people belonging to submerging villages agitate against it. We cannot give any consideration to such agitation.

Sri P. B. NANDIHALI.—When the families of the 8 villages are going to be drowned in water, don't you consider their case, Sir. They are praying befrore you to stop this work ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—How can we take up any project without drowning any area or any field? If we want to take up a project, naturally some area is submerged.

Sri P. B. NANDIHALI.—In reply to (*c*), it is said that there is no letter like that from the concerned engineer, that the scheme will be cancelled. I have read that letter and the social workers in that part have given the letter to bring the matter to your kind notice. They are even prepared to die in order to stop this scheme. Just one week before the General Elections, with the permission of the Congress Committee, the Executive Engineer concerned has sent one letter to the Gram Panchayet that the scheme will be cancelled. If that letter is forwarded to you, what action will you take, Sir?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I do not know what letter has been sent to the Panchayet. If the Hon'ble Member is in possession of that letter, he can pass it on to me. I will get it examined if he sends it to me. According to my information, the Executive Engineer has said that this project has got low priority.

## Grant of Tank Beds in Shimoga Taluk

167. Sri ADDUL KHUDDUS ANWAR (Bhadravathi).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of tanks breached in Shimoga District since 1960;

(*b*) the action Government has taken to distribute these tank beds to the local landless;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that Kudligere tank in Bhadravathi Taluk which had breached long back is once again repaired at a cost of Rs. 6,000, although its entire atchkat is supplied with channel water;

(*d*) whether it is not a fact that some local landless people who have cultivated the above tank bed have invested thousands of rupees for the improvement of the land;

(*e*) whether Government would confirm these lands to those who cultivated the above lands?

*A.*—Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Deputy Minister for Minor Irrigation).—

(*a*) 54 under the control of Revenue Department. 84 Irrigation Tanks in Sagar Division.

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| (*b*) (1) In Shimoga Taluk | ... | 28-11 |

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Some unauthorised cultivators have been evicted.

(*e*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*d*).